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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS (SSH) FY 1975

1. ACCORDING OUR RECORDS, BY MID-FEBRUARY ONLY ABOUT 38 PERCENT OF SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS ALLOCATED DURING FIRST THREE TRANCES OF FY 1975 HAD BEEN OBLIGATED (I.E., SOME DOLS. 367,820 OUT OF DOLS. 900,021). OF 26 MISSIONS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED SSH ALLOCATIONS, ONLY 16 HAVE OBLIGATED OVER 10 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL AND THE REMAINDER HAVE OBLIGATED NOTHING SO FAR.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT NUMBER OF AFRICAN HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT ACTED ON IAA APPLICATIONS AND CURRENT DELAYS ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE EXPERIENCED IN FY 1974. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO AVOID LAST MINUTE REALLOCATIONS.

3. RECEIPT OF ACCELERATED OBLIGATION FIGURES IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE RIGHT NOW, SINCE WE WILL BE PREPARING FOR

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FOURTH TRANCHE ALLOCATIONS IN EARLY MARCH. FINAL AVAIL-

ABILITY OF FUNDS AWAITS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AID APPROPRIATIONS.

4. WE WILL BE REQUIRED IN MID-MAY/EARLY JUNE TO BEGIN

TRANSFERRING "FALL-OUT" FUNDS TO COUNTRIES WHERE SSH PROJECTS ARE READY FOR SIGNING AS SOON AS FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. POSTS ANTICIPATING DIFFICULTY IN FULLY OBLIGATING EXISTING FUNDS SHOULD INFORM DEPT. ASAP SO THAT APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE IN FOURTH TRANCHE ALLOCATIONS.

5. IN FIRST THREE TRANCES OF THIS FISCAL YEAR
ZAMBIA HAS RECEIVED ALLOCATIONS TOTALLING DOLS.
---- 16,000 . BY MID-FEBRUARY, ONLY DOLS. ZERO RPT
---- ZERO WERE ALLOCATED ACCORDING OUR RECORDS. KISSINGER

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